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AMENDMENT

SIR:

~~In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2000 please amend the application as follows:~~

~~IN THE SPECIFICATION~~

~~At page 6 line 6 after "Serial No." add --09/270,884--.~~

~~At page 11 line 2, please change the references to "Figures 5 and 5A" to
-Figures 6 and 7-.~~

~~IN THE CLAIMS~~

1. An improved dust containment system comprising a flexible sheeting supported by
[on] one or more poles, [said poles having on at least one end thereof a flexible stopper
having a base which contacts a surface and a neck], said flexible [curtain] sheeting being
held in place on said pole by one or more clamps, said clamps having a pair of handles